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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- [X] Request for Filing a Reissue Patent Application;
- [X] Patent Application including Specification, Claims and Abstract (Total pages 15);
- [X] Three (3) Sheets of Informal Drawings - Figs. 1-2;
- [X] Consent of Assignee for Application for Reissue Patent under 37 C.F.R. §1.172;
- [X] Establishing Right of Assignee to Consent to Application for Reissue Patent under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b);
- [X] Offer by Assignee to Surrender Original patent under 37 C.F.R. §1.178(a);
- [X] Preliminary Amendment; and
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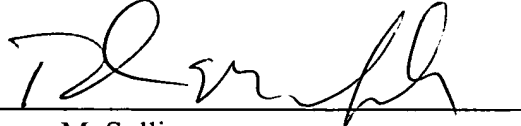
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REQUEST FOR FILING A REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION

1. This is a request for filing an application for reissue of Utility Patent No. 5,891,212. The application elements under 37 C.F.R. §1.173 are listed below.
2. ☒ Specification, Claims and Abstract (Total pages: 15).
3. ☒ Drawings: Three (3) sheets; FIGS. 1-2.
☐ Formal
☒ Informal
4. ☐ Reissue Oath/Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.175
☐ Original
☐ Copy
5. ☒ Original U.S. Patent currently assigned? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, check applicable box.
☒ Written Consent of all Assignees
☒ Statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)
6. ☒ Offer To Surrender U.S. Patent under 37 C.F.R. §1.178
7. ☒ Statement of Status and Support For Changes to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c).
(Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c) incorporated in Preliminary Amendment)

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8. ☐ Original U.S. Patent for Surrender under 37 C.F.R. §1.178
☐ Ribbioned Original Patent Grant
☐ Statement of Loss
9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
☐ Copy of IDS and PTO-1449 (___ pages)
☐ Copies of references cited
10. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
11. ☒ Fee Calculation

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------|--|
| Claims | Number Filed | Basic Fee Allowance | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h) \$710.00 |
| Total Claims in Patent (37 C.F.R. 1.16(j)) | 28 | - 20 = | 8 | \$18.00 | 144.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(i)) | 2 | - 3 = | 0 | \$80.00 | |
| SUBTOTAL: | | | | | \$854.00 |
| Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity: | | | | | - \$ _____ |
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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
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| Claims | Claims After Amendment | Number Previously Paid For | Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(i) & (j) |
| Total Claims in Patent (37 C.F.R. 1.16(j)) | 31 | - 28 = | 3 | \$18.00 | 54.00 |
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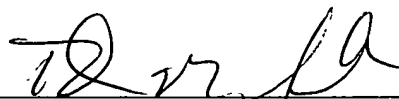
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12. ☒ A check in the amount of \$908.00 is enclosed.
13. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 17564-143:
- ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16;
 - ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17;
 - ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.
15. ☐ Other Documents Enclosed:
- ☐ Change of Attorney Address In Application.
 - ☐ Limited Recognition under 37 C.F. § 10.9(b) for Michel Morency.

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 5,891,212

DATED : Apr. 6, 1999

INVENTOR(S) : Jie Tang et al

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On title page, item [54] and col. 1, lines 1-2,

Title should read "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
MAKING UNIFORMLY SIZED AND SHAPED SPHERES".

Signed and Scaled this
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